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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Electrical Examiners
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, January 07, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Murrian, Vice-President, Professional Member
Michael Travers, Continued Education, Professional Member
Robert MacLennan, Professional Member
Thomas Hartley, Complaint Officer, Professional Member
Nathan Schreppler, Board Secretary, Public Member
Richard Millar, Public Member

ABSENT

Daniel Creedon, President, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Wilson	Chester Kelly
Lawrence Witty	John McLaughlin
Frank O. Pepper	Frank Tyler
David J. Doucette	Jean Elliott
James Vorous	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Murrian called the meeting to order at 0905.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers, to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Regulation Changes – Public Hearing

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 9:05a and stated that today's hearing was a result of the Board's proposal to amend and add regulations to the current regulations. Mr. Maloney entered as exhibit #1 a copy of the affidavit of publication of notice from The News Journal, and exhibit #2 as the affidavit of publication of notice from the Delaware State Newspaper. Mr. Maloney proceeded to provide a brief description of the amended and new regulations and announced to the audience that a complete copy was available by request. With no member of the audience wishing to comment, and no written comments received by Ms. Strauss prior to the meeting, Mr. Maloney announced that the proposed changes would be open for a 15 day comment period. The Board will deliberate on any received comments at the next meeting February 4, 2015. The meeting adjourned and went off record at 09:09a.

Feedback Communication on Proposed Legislation – Director's Office

Mr. Mangler updated the Board on feedback from the proposed statutory changes the Board submitted to the 2015 general assembly. There is currently no opposition other than the comments on whole-house generators. Mr. Mangler advised the Board he will alert them to any significant information that would require a Board representative to attend any legislative session.

Mr. Murrian called for a short recess at 09:11. The meeting reconvened at 09:43

ReReview of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to approve the Master applications of David Ferrara, Sr. and Douglas G. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to deny the Journey person application by certificate of Laurence Witty. The original motion allowing Mr. Witty to sit for the exam still stands. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to propose to deny the reciprocal application of Charles W. Lynch for lack of experience post licensure in accordance with § 1409(b) and 11.2. The motion carried unanimously.

***A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to amend the agenda to add 3.4 "Review & Consideration of Orders". The motion carried unanimously.

Review & Consideration of Orders

The Board reviewed and signed the final Orders of Jameel Bolden and Joseph Crumlish.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to approve the following applicants to sit for their respective exams: James E. Kirk, II – Master, Zenon Iniestra – JP, Stephen Leslie – Master, David P. Schipsi, Jr. – Limited, Thomas K. Petrey – Master, Daniel N. Steinhauer – Limited, Keith LeFevre – Master, Jeremiah Geib – Master, Donald Matthews – JP* And Paul Pisarek – Limited Special (Elevator). The Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to table the applications of David V. Smith and Bernard F. Pacana for more information. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to approve the reciprocity applications of Michael Branconi and Raymond Ferrell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to approve contingent upon receipt of insurance certificates the reciprocal applications of Daniel Kaess, Rodney Scott, Jeffrey Hetzer and Ronald Burgess. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to propose to deny the reciprocal application of Arthur L. Romero for lack of proof of experience. The motion carried unanimously.

Audit Review

Ms. Strauss asked for clarification from Mr. Maloney and the Board on the insurance requirements for the audit. Mr. Maloney indicated that the Board must abide by what is asked for in the audit letter and the regulations. Mr. Maloney will draft a proposed change for the Board to review in February that better defines what they want for the post-renewal audit; specifically the requirements of regulations 6.1 and 7.2.2.

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to accept the ratification of Apprentice Electrician applications of: David M. Ellison, John Robert Kimbler, II, Joseph P. Crumlish, Kenneth O. Banning, Daniel R. Reyes, Jeremy John Johnson, Kevin James Jones, Michael Lee Spence, Gregory W. Morris, Bradley S. Miller, Robin Lei Dohman, Peter T. Marshall, Edward W. Fields, Joseph Soltanuk, Steven J. Neifert, David R. Wiley, Matthew Toal and Richard Edward Gilligan. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to accept the ratification of Journeyman Electrician applications of: Matthew Roger Hill, Frank D. Puoci, Jr., James Barry Brewer, Jr., James J. Newlin, Scott Andrew Schech, Victor L. Cruz, Neil Edwin Ritter, Shane E. Heinicke and Robert McCoy. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler to accept the ratification of Master Electrician applications of James Joseph Pignatello, Robert H. Brooks, Michael J. Shatzer, Matthew S Bailey, William A Tyler and Gary Edward Johnston, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications for Review – Deputy Attorney General

Under guidance from Mr. Maloney, a motion was made by Mr. Murrian, second by Mr. Travers to:

- Approve the application of Carl Colon.
- Propose to deny the applications of Brain J. Govin and Christopher S. Bernard for having crimes substantially related to the profession.

The motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Maloney reviewed a letter submitted on behalf of Mr. Howard. Mr. Howard's attorney indicated his clients desire to request a hearing before the Board to reinstate his electrical license to active status. Mr. Maloney advised that he would discuss the matter with the Attorney

General's office who may consider renegotiating the original consent agreement. The Board agreed that they would entertain a new consent agreement if drafted the AG's office. A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Travers to authorize Mr. Maloney to contact Mr. Natalie, Esq., to contact the AG's office to pursue a new consent agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Complaints Status

01-12-13 – Closed
01-01-14 – Assigned
01-11-14 – Attorney General
01-15-14 – Assigned
01-16-14 – Assigned
01-17-14 – Assigned
01-19-14 – Closed
01-20-14 – Attorney General
01-21-14 – Attorney General
01-23-14 – Attorney General
01-24-14 – Closed
01-26-14 – Closed
01-27-14 – Attorney General
01-28-14 – Attorney General
01-29-14 – Closed
01-30-14 – Attorney General
01-32-14 – Closed
01-33-14 – Closed
01-34-14 – Attorney General

Continued Education

A motion was made by Mr. Travers, second by Mr. MacLennan, to approve the requested continuing education courses as follows, the motion carried unanimously:

American Inspection Agency, Inc.

2014 NEC Residential Wiring & Most Common Violations – 5hrs
2014 NEC General Electrical Installations – 5hrs
2014 NEC Commercial Wiring & Most Common Violations – 5hrs

George V. Landing, Sr.

Grounding & Bonding 2014 – 5hrs
Hazardous Locations NEC 2014 – 5hrs

Bay Area Inspection Agency dba Walter W. Granger, Jr., Inc.

2015 – 2014 NEC Continuing Education Seminar – 5hrs

Bruce D. Bowman

2014 NEC Update – 5hrs
Common Violations of the NEC – 5hrs
Grounding Elec. Systems/Swimming Pools/Spas – 5hrs

NEIEP (Earl Baker)

TS130 Tool Safety (classroom course) – 1hr
TS130 Tool Safety (website course) – 1hr
CEO17.1 Traction Elevator Testing (classroom course) – 8hrs

CEO17.1 Traction Elevator Testing (website course) – 8hrs
TS129 Electrical Safety (classroom course) – 1hr
TS129 Electrical Safety (website course) – 1hr

Baltimore Electrical Training Center

****Approved Contingent upon receipt of timed outline****

Grounding & Bonding – 16hrs
Health Care Systems – 16hrs
Master Electricians Prep – 16hrs
NFPA 70E – 16hrs
Significant Changes to the NEC – 16hrs

Polytech Adult Education - **DENIED**

Electrical IV – 144hrs

Penn-Del Jersey Chapter NECA - **DENIED**

2014 Significant Changes to the NEC Review – 10hrs

Electrical Association of Philadelphia

SOARES Grounding & Bonding – 8hrs

Code Instruction Services

2014 NEC test Preparation – 5hrs
Navigating the 2014 NEC – 5hrs
2014 NEC Equipment & Conductor Installations – 5hrs

Anchor Electric

OSHA 10hr Outreach/Construction/Arc Flash – 5hrs

Electric League of Maryland

Dwelling Unit Calculations for the 2014 NEC – 5hrs
Understanding 2014 NEC Req. for Limited Energy & Comm. Systems – 10hrs

Institute for Technical Advancement

Lighting & Illumination, Part I – 4hrs
Lighting & Illumination, Part II – 4hrs
Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs – 4hrs
Service Calculations Workshop – 8hrs
NEC 2014 Review – 9hrs
Electrical Generators for Res. & Comm. Applications – 4hrs

Miscellaneous Review & Discussion

Mr. Murrian shared the pass/fail numbers from the Prometric exam administered November 8, 2014. Mr. MacLennan and Mr. Hartley requested Ms. Strauss contact Prometric to get statistics regarding the pass/fail rates of 1st attempt vs. 2nd attempt at the exam(s).

Ms. Strauss asked for clarification of regulation 3.3, specifically what is considered a “registered apprentice program of any state”. Mr. MacLennan offered that currently, the DE DOL considers a total of 576 classroom hours and 8,000 hours on-the-job-training to be considered a bona fide apprentice program. Anything less than that would require the applicant to take the Prometric

exam. Mr. Murrian stated that VoTech AED provides that training, and that Union apprentice programs go beyond those minimum requirements. The NJATC and the NCCR are all acceptable programs. The Board will need to review any other states apprentice programs to determine eligibility and to ensure they meet the minimum requirements of DE.

Mr. Maloney will include 10.1.9 with his next draft of regulation changes.

The Board denied the request of Elmer Hobbs for a CE audit extension. He was given proper notice and must abide by the January 10, 2015 deadline in his final audit notice.

Mr. Maloney will include the addition of language to address journeypersons in regulation 7.4 in his proposed regulations changes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Murrian read a letter from Mr. Potter of DuPont de Nemours Edge Moor Plant indicating all inspections for 2014 have been completed and are considered up to code under the current standards.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Hartley indicated he would draft a letter to the Fire Marshal indicating the Board supports DE adopting the 2014 NEC.

Ms. Strauss informed the Board that Mr. Poore has resigned his seat on the Board. She asked the Board members and public audience to encourage anyone they may know who would qualify as a public member to submit an application to the Governor's office for consideration. The application can be found on the DPR website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Witty addressed the Board regarding his journeyman application. He stated that considering all of his military training and experience he should be exempt from the exam requirement for licensure and be issued a journeyman's license. Mr. MacLennan said that the transcripts he submitted were not indicative of the required classroom hours or exam results. He should submit this information and the other military documentation to Mr. Calio at the DOL for review. Mr. Calio would then communicate his findings to Ms. Strauss to represent to the Board for review.

Mr. McGlothlin provided a synopsis of his experience and asked the Board for guidance on how he should apply for licensure. Mr. MacLennan advised that he needs to submit an application so the Board can review his documentation and make a determination.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 4, 2015 at 08:30 Cannon Building 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, Conference Room A, 2nd floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Schreppler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maggie Strauss', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Maggie Strauss
Administrative Specialist II